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Honorable Chairperson Mary Pilcher-Cook
and members of the Senate Committee on Public Health & Welfare.

HB 2078 is concerned with military veterans leaving the service. This bill requires the Kansas boards to evaluate the Department of Defense (DoD) vocational training, education and experience in order to avoid repeating the same curriculum on their application for a license.

The state licensing boards have the goals of: protecting the public through enforcement of standards for licensure and ongoing competence, and to address the shortage of qualified personnel.

This bill was introduced in the House Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security. This bill would allow the respective licensing bodies to accept education, training, or service completed in military service by the applicant towards the qualifications to receive their license. However, the licensing body has the responsibility to determine that the education, training, or service is substantially equivalent to the standards required for licensure.

This bill will also allow the board to waive the requirement of graduation from an approved school if the applicant has attained a passing score on the licensure exam. HB 2078 will permit a licensing body to issue a temporary permit for a limited period of time to allow the military service member to lawfully practice their occupation while completing specific requirements that are required for licensure in Kansas that were not required in the state, district, or territory of the United States in which the military service member was licensed previously.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mario Goico', written over a horizontal line.

Representative Mario Goico